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SUBJECT: FRG REACTION TO GDR DENIALS OF ENTRY TO
CDU/CSU BUNDESTAG DEPUTIES

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BEGIN SUMMARY: THE GDR REJECTED TWO SHARP FRG PROTESTS
JANUARY 16 IN BONN AND EAST BERLIN ON THE DENIAL OF
ENTRY TO EAST BERLIN OF HELMUT KOHL ON THE GROUNDS THAT
KOHL HAD MADE "COARSE AND OFFENSIVE" REMARKS ABOUT THE
GDR. ON JANUARY 17, HOWEVER, WHEN THE FRG PROTESTED
THE CONTINUING GDR DENIALS OF ENTRY TO EAST BERLIN OF
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CDU/CSU BUNDESTAG DEPUTIES PARTICIPATING IN THE CAUCUS
MEETING IN THE REICHSTAG BUILDING, THE GDR CHANGED ITS
LINE. THE GDR CHARGED THAT THE CDU/CSU CAUCUS MEETING
WAS ILLEGAL AND, APPARENTLY REFERRING TO THE SOVIET
DEMARCHE THE SAME DAY IN WEST BERLIN (REF A), SAID
THAT THE SOVIETS HAD MADE THIS VIEW VERY CLEAR TO THE
ALLIES. THE FRG HAS TOLD THE ALLIES THAT IT REGARDS

THIS AS A VERY SERIOUS MATTER: AN ATTEMPT TO FALSIFY THE INTERPRETIVE LETTER OF THE THREE AMBASSADORS TO THE CHANCELLOR OF SEPTEMBER 3, 1971 AND TO EXPAND THE MEANING OF THE QA'S CONCRETE PROVISIONS BY REFERENCE TO THE GENERAL CLAUSES. END SUMMARY.

1. AT THE JANUARY 18 BONN GROUP MEETING, THE FRG REP (VON BRAUNMUEHL) BRIEFED THE ALLIES ON THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS CONCERNING GDR DENIALS OF ENTRY TO EAST BERLIN FOR CDU/CSU BUNDESTAG DEPUTIES PARTICIPATING IN THE CAUCUS MEETING IN THE REICHSTAG BUILDING. HE SAID THAT ON MONDAY, JANUARY 16 THE FRG PERM REP TO THE GDR, GUENTHER GAUS, HAD PROTESTED THE DENIAL OF ENTRY TO HELMUT KOHL ON THE PRECEDING SATURDAY (REF C). AT THE SAME TIME, FRG MINISTER OF STATE WISCHNEWSKI HAD PROTESTED TO THE GDR PERM REP IN BONN, MICHAEL KOHL.

2. VON BRAUNMUEHL SAID GAUS TOLD SEIDEL, HEAD OF THE FRG DEPARTMENT IN THE GDR FOREIGN OFFICE, THAT FRG-GDR RELATIONS, ALREADY TENSE, WOULD BE STRAINED FURTHER BY THE DENIAL OF ENTRY TO KOHL. IT WAS UNAVOIDABLE THAT IT WOULD BE AN OBJECT OF DEBATE WITHIN THE BUNDESTAG AND AMONG THE GENERAL PUBLIC IN THE FRG. IF THE GDR HAD INDEED MADE AN EFFORT DURING THE PAST TWO WEEKS TO PREVENT THE "SPIEQUEL" MANIFESTO AFFAIR FROM SERIOUSLY AFFECTING FRG-GDR RELATIONS, KOHL'S REFUSAL RAISED CONFIDENTIAL

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SERIOUS DOUBTS AS TO WHETHER THE GDR STILL MAINTAINED SUCH AN ATTITUDE.

3. SEIDEL IS REPORTED TO HAVE COUNTERED THAT THE FRG PROTEST WAS WITHOUT FOUNDATION. IT WAS THE SOVEREIGN RIGHT OF EVERY STATE, INCLUDING THE GDR, TO DECIDE WHO WAS TO BE ALLOWED ENTRY. NO OTHER PARTY HAD A SAY IN THE MATTER. HELMUT KOHL HAD REPEATEDLY BEEN PERMITTED TO ENTER THE GDR IN THE PAST. RECENTLY, HOWEVER, HE HAD MADE "COARSE AND OFFENSIVE REMARKS" ABOUT THE GDR. MANY OF KOHL'S ACTIVITIES ALSO STOOD IN CONTRADICTION TO THE QA. THE GDR LEADERSHIP VIEWED KOHL'S DESIRE TO ENTER THE COUNTRY JANUARY 14 AS A DEMONSTRATIVE ATTEMPT TO IRRITATE THE GDR. THIS WAS THE ONLY REASON THE GDR REACTED.

4. VON BRAUNMUEHL SAID GAUS REJECTED SEIDEL'S REMARKS ABOUT KOHL AND RETURNED TO THE POLITICAL CONSEQUENCES OF THE GDR MEASURE. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONING BY GAUS, SEIDEL SAID THAT HIS REMARKS ABOUT THE QA WERE NOT IN REFERENCE TO THE PRESENT MEETING OF THE CDU/CSU CAUCUS. SEIDEL, HOWEVER, MADE THIS STATEMENT

WITH TREPIDATION. HE HAD OBVIOUSLY NOT WANTED TO MAKE

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THIS CLARIFICATION. INSTEAD, SEIDEL SPECIFICALLY
MENTIONED INTERVIEWS BY KOHL IN WHICH KOHL HAD
REFERRED TO WEST BERLIN AS A "LAND" OF THE FEDERAL
REPUBLIC AND HAD CALLED FOR AN INCREASED FEDERAL PRE-
SENCE THERE.

5. VON BRAUNMUEHL SAID THAT GAUS BELIEVED THAT SEIDEL
HAD OBVIOUSLY BEEN INSTRUCTED TO ADHERE TO THE GDR'S
LINE OF THE PAST TWO WEEKS: NOT TO LET THE RECENT
EVENTS SERIOUSLY AFFECT RELATIONS. SEIDEL WAS OBVIOUSLY
AWARE, THOUGH, THAT THIS HAD BEEN RENDERED MORE DIFFICULT
BY THE DENIAL OF ENTRY TO KOHL. SEIDEL DID SAY THAT THE
GDR WANTED A FURTHER NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS BETWEEN
THE TWO STATES.

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6. VON BRAUNMUEHL HAD LESS INFORMATION ON THE EVENTS OF JANUARY 17, BUT HE SAID THAT GAUS HAD PROTESTED THE CONTINUING GDR DENIALS OF ENTRY TO SEVERAL CDU/CSU DEPUTIES (REF A). AT THIS MEETING, HOWEVER, HE WAS TOLD THAT THE CAUCUS MEETING WAS ILLEGAL AND APPARENTLY REFERRING TO TYUTYUNOV'S PROTEST (REF A), THAT THE SOVIETS HAD MADE THIS VIEW CLEAR TO THE ALLIES.

7. VON BRAUNMUEHL, ALSO REFERRING TO THE ADN ARTICLE REPORTED IN REF A, SAID THAT THE FRG REQUIRED THE GDR ACTIONS AND ITS JUSTIFICATION SERIOUSLY. IT WAS THE FIRST DIRECT ATTACK ON SUCH MEETINGS IN FRG MEMORY. THEY WERE SPECIFICALLY PROVIDED FOR IN THE QA. THE GDR WAS ATTEMPTING TO FALSIFY THE MEANING OF THE INTERPRETIVE LETTER OF THE THREE AMBASSADORS OF SEPTEMBER 3, 1971, TO THE CHANCELLOR. IT ALSO BETRAYED A DESIRE TO EXPAND THE MEANING OF CONCRETE CLAUSES IN THE QA BY REFERENCE TO THE GENERAL, HORTATORY CLAUSES.

8. VON BRAUNMUEHL MENTIONED THAT THE RECENT INCIDENTS WOULD BE THE SUBJECT OF BUNDESTAG DEBATE AFTER CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT MAKES HIS BROAD-RANGING SPEECH THERE THIS MORNING. THE ALLIED REPS AGREED THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT COULD SAY THAT THE ALLIES HAD BEEN INFORMED THAT THEY CONSIDERED THE MATTER SERIOUS AND THAT THEY WERE WATCHING DEVELOPMENTS.

9. COMMENT: VON BRAUNMUEHL ASKED THAT THE ALLIED REPRESENTATIVES HOLD THE FOREGOING REPORT ON GAUS' DISCUSSIONS WITH SEIDEL CLOSELY. HE SAID THAT GAUS HAD RECENTLY REACTED STRONGLY TO A LEAK OF HIS PROTESTS TO THE GDR ON THE "SPIEGEL" AFFAIR AND THAT THE FOREIGN OFFICE WOULD NOT WANT THE ALLIES TO BE ACCUSED OF BEING

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RESPONSIBLE FOR SUCH LEAKS. WE REQUEST THEREFORE THAT EVEN THE EXISTENCE OF THE BRIEFING IN THE BONN GROUP BE TREATED WITH DISCRETION IN ORDER TO AVOID POSSIBLE EMBARRASSMENT.
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